GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT OLYMPICS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any preparations are underway for the next olympics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any foreign coaches have also been hired by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the assistance provided by the Indian Olympic Committee for this purpose; and

(f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to select and train the atheletes for the next Olympics?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The preparation for the next Olympic Games includes preparations forAsian & Commonwealth Games and other international events. These preparations are part of a Long Term Development Plan. Accordingly, action plan to prepare Indian Contingents for these Games has already been finalized in consultation with the concerned National Sports Federations for most of the disciplines. The probables are being provided specialized coaching at different centers under the Indian & foreign coaches/experts with required sports equipments and scientific inputs.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. Government of India has so far appointed 23 foreign coaches in the disciplines of Athletics, Judo, Wrestling, Boxing, Gymnastics, Table Tennis, Fencing Shooting, Badminton, Archery, Billiards & Snooker and GTMT (Expert).

(e) For preparation of Indian sportspersons for the next Olympic Games, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is providing financial assistance @ USD1200 p.m. to one Shooter.However, IOA has informed that they have requested National Sports Federations to indicate the names of deserving sportspersons for seeking financial assistance from International Olympic Committee.

(f) India would be participating in Asian Games & Commonwealth Games to be held in 2002.Based on performance of Indian sportspersons in these two major multi-disciplinary events, the disciplines and sports persons would be identified for specialized and focused training for participation in the next Olympics.